

# The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## A CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT GAMBLING

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Text: "And they parted His raiment and cast lots" (Luke 23:34)

How did the author of Psalm 22:18 know that one thousand years from the time of his writing, a man should be crucified and that the crucifiers would divide the garments of the victim, but gamble for the inner one? He did not know, but God who sees the end from the beginning, inspired that writer by the Holy Spirit. (II Peter, 1:21). While some call this one of the most amazing fulfillments in fulfilled prophecy, it is even more amazing that Roman soldiers should gamble on Mount Calvary.

1. For there they gambled at the feet of Jesus Christ: the feet which walked on the Sea of Galilee; the feet that walked weary miles to heal lepers, open the eyes of the blind, bless little children, restore children to weeping par-

ents, and preach the blessed gospel of the grace of God to probably every city and village in Palestine.

2. There they gambled in the holiest and most sacred prayer meeting. A man was praying for salvation, "Lord remember me." Jesus had just prayed for them, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

3. There they gambled while a man's soul was hanging over the pit of hell by the thread of a few, bitter, departing moments of life. Jesus can save a man from going to hell ("Today shalt thou be with me in paradise")—but He cannot save men out of hell. In Matthew 12:32 Jesus speaks of no forgiveness "neither in the world to come."

4. There they gambled in the midst of the agonies of crucifixions. Men were suffering excruciating pain, mental and physical. But the gamblers were so hard and calloused that they could concentrate on the devil's pastime for idlers.

5. There they gambled on the inner garment of Jesus, which required His death on a cross to be in nakedness. Possibly His mother, or half sister, or some healed woman, or one of the women of Galilee who followed Him and ministered to Him of her substance, made this garment. There may have been affectionate sentiment associated with it. It may have been a gift of gratitude for the garments of righteousness some lost soul found in Jesus for her naked soul. Even if the soldiers did not know of its value, they revealed indifference or malice toward the feelings of the only perfect Man of this earth. They probably knew of its value and gambled for its ownership that might raffle it or sell it for

a great price.

Note two things, friend: One, millions today are suffering, naked, in want, dying, because of the insatiable greed of the gambler, the professional gambler, the gambler who neglects home and wife and children, and husband and church and God. No love, no charity, no milk of human kindness is dominant in the veteran gambler's blood. It is black. It is seasoned with gall and wormwood. His heart is stone. He largely is past feeling. His god is mammon and he will have his "pound," cost what it may.

Two, the One who is the fairest of ten thousand, the One altogether lovely, the One robed in Divine glory and eternal majesty—this One became poor, became naked, died on a cross, that He might clothe us with the garments of salvation, robes of righteousness, yea, His own loveliness. When these Roman soldiers began that so-called innocent game of cards or dice or chance, they probably never dreamed where that might lead them. So today, people see no evil in innocent gambling. Friend, it is not innocent. All gambling is sinful. Here are several reasons why gambling is sinful.

The Christian should not be afraid to face the facts because he knows that the truth makes men free. There is a slavery of the

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## Anglo-Saxon People Are Not Israel

The British-Israel Theory Is Contrary to Scriptures and Scientific and Historical Facts Because (1) the Jews of Today Represent the Whole Twelve Tribes of Israel, (2) The Jews Who Came Back From the Captivity Represented the Entire Nation Israel, (3) Science and History Prove that England and America Could Not Possibly be Israel, (4) The British - Israel Theory Utterly Contradicts Divine Prophecies

By Evangelist John R. Rice

For a good many years I have carefully investigated all the claims of those who teach the so-called "British-Israel" theory, teaching that the United States and Great Britain are the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

However, Mr. Rand and other teachers of the British-Israel movement are certainly wrong in their interpretation of Scripture and are clearly contradicted by history and science. It will not take long to show you that, I think.

### I. The Jews Of Today Represent The Whole Twelve Tribes of Israel

I mean there are no lost tribes. Some people of all the tribes are lost, of course. But the remnant that God counts, the only remnant that has stayed pure in blood, are Jews as we know them today. The Anglo-Saxons are not Israel, and no other people on the face of the earth are Israel, either in fact or in God's sight. Notice the following proofs that the Jews of today are the whole nation, Israel, representing all the twelve tribes.

1. During the time of the divided kingdom, when Judah with Benjamin and the Levites, were counted one kingdom, and Israel, the ten tribes in the North, were counted another kingdom, Israelites from many tribes kept going to Judah more and more and settling there. For example, in the days of King Asa, II Chronicles 15:9 says, "And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out

of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him."

In the great revival under Hezekiah at Jerusalem, the sacrifices made at the altar were made for all the tribes of Israel. Second Chronicles 29:24 says, "And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt-offering and the sin-offering should be made for all Israel." The Scripture given here indicates that by special planning the sacrifices in the nation Judah were made to represent the whole nation Israel.

Again, in the days of Hezekiah, after that many of the northern kingdom had been carried into captivity, we see that all Israel was represented at Jerusalem in the Passover. Second Chronicles 30:5, 6 says, "So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-

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## Praise for the Old Year; Challenge for the New

453 Reported Conversions Through Sword Literature in 1944  
By Viola Walden, Business Mgr.

Let us pretend that it is possible for us to visit all those who accepted the Lord as their Saviour through the Sword literature in 1944. It will mean a round-the-world trip, for 453 visits are to be made.

First, we make a tour of almost every state in our Union, including some penitentiaries and many of the army camps and naval training stations. After joyous fellowship with those in the homeland and in Canada, we leave this country, crossing the Atlantic for England. There we drop in for an exchange of blessings with both English civilians and American service men who had written to us. Stopping by the European theater, we meet new-born Christians fighting NOW for Christ and country. We, praising the Lord

for their conversions, change our course and turn south to Africa. Here, in what is known as Satan's territory, we greet an African, black in skin but with a heart made white by the blood of Christ. We come face to face also with the native pastor who gave this African lad the booklet which led to his conversion. We anticipate with great joy the blessing he will bring to his own people in the future. Then we go to the coast of Africa, where allied troops are stationed, and here we meet those who were saved through *The Sword of the Lord* and Dr. Rice's books or Christians blessed by them.

To complete our trip, we cross the southern tip of Asia to the south Pacific. Isn't it glorious to

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## The Brother of Pontius Pilate

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"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see you to it. Then . . . he delivered him to be crucified" (Matt. 27:24-26).

Take a good look at this Roman officer washing his hands. He may be a relative of yours. He has just had to judge the case of a man accused by his enemies but found perfectly innocent. The judge knows the accused is innocent. He confesses, even publicly, the righteousness of Christ. Yet he condemns Him to death and sends Him out to the cross. Then, because the voice of conscience was thundering in his soul, he calls for a basin of water and actually tries to cleanse the blood of the Son of God from his soul by washing his hands.

The whole story of Christ before Pilate is intensely dramatic. Because of the eternal issues involved for the prisoner sentenced to death, for the judge who condemned Him to die, and for the nation that falsely accused him, no court scene in the world's history has had such far-reaching influence.

Here is Pilate's judgment hall

God is on trial before man. Here also, unknown to man, man was on trial before God. Here in this court men who accused another were unwittingly accusing themselves. And in condemning Christ to die, both Jew and Roman were signing their own eternal death-warrant.

But not the least tragic aspect of this scene is its spiritual significance for generations following. For that cowardly act of Pilate was prophetic of man's attitude toward Christ down through the centuries. The trial of Jesus Christ is being repeated every day of our lives. Jesus is standing on trial still. Pilate who crucified Christ lives in our midst today. Still he is hearing the evidence of Christ's sinlessness; still he makes confession that this is a righteous man; still however he finds the world opposed to Christ and bent on casting Him out; and still Pilate yields to the murderous cry, "Away with Him." Then after out-



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raging the voice of conscience and yielding to the voice and pressure of the world, still Pilate is in our midst today, excusing his act and washing, washing his hands.

Christ tells us, you remember, that the rich man in Hell left

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body to a habit, and the slavery of the mind to some religious superstition that are far worse than slaving in factories for diabolical dictators. Only the grace of God and the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the heart and minds of men, can make men willing to be free to sin no more. Some men love darkness more than light. That is why gangsters smash preachers' automobiles when they bring factual sermons on gambling and the liquor traffic, and the other vile triplet, prostitution.

## I. WHAT IS GAMBLING?

What is gambling? It is seeking to get something for nothing. It is making a bad living while good people make an honest living. It is loafing in the daytime and robbing the greedy and ignorant at night. It is trusting in luck and chance and not in God. It is the lazy man's philosophy of life. It is the cultivation of the lowest in man: deceit, graft, fraud, lying, cheating, laziness, and the love of gain without giving something equal in return. Gambling smotherers religious instincts, chokes the word of God sown in the heart, hardens the heart, callouses conscience, and brands man with materialism. Gambling permeates life with the "get money" spirit, the love of which is the root of all kinds of evil, causing men to "fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition . . . which while some covet after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (I Tim. 6:9-10; Mk. 4:19).

Canon Green defines gambling as: "An agreement between two parties whereby the transfer of something of value from, one to another is made to depend on an uncertain event, mere chance, in such a way that the gain of one is balanced by the loss of the other." In other words, to eat the other fellow must starve. To be happy the other must become unhappy. To have life, the other must die. The robbers who robbed the man on the road to Jericho said, "Thine is mine" and took it by force. The gambler says, "Thine is going to be mine, but I will make you think that mine is going to become thine." Gambling is a black plague sweeping over the nation like an epidemic, subtle as the liquor traffic, treacherous as the Japs and dangerous as serpent poison. The tragedy is not that so many people gamble, but that so many church people gamble. You card-playing church member, officer, teacher, listen to what Gypsy Smith told: A boy came down to breakfast with \$250.00 in bills in his hands. His mother cried out: "My boy a gambler! Do you not know that your mother is a member and officer in the church?" When the boy asked where the mother got the vase which she won at a game of cards, he then said, "The only difference is that I played for money. If you will take that vase back, I will take the money back."

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Dr. J. W. Chapman tells of a tramp in a testimony meeting in the church of which he knew. This is the tramp's story. "I used to attend this very church. My father was an officer in this church. We were seven boys in one Sunday school class. On Saturdays we used to meet in the home of the teacher. We sang, looked over the lesson and played cards. We soon wanted more and more cards and less of the lesson. Soon we left the class and played by ourselves. Then we began to gamble. Tonight three of those seven boys are in prison. Two were executed. If the authorities knew I were here, they would pick me up. I only wish my Sunday school teacher had never taught us to play cards."

As he was leaving an elderly lady arose, fell at his feet, crying with awakened conscience, "My God, I am that Sunday school teacher." Her repentance was too late to help her seven boys.

She was like the man Dr. Stuart tells of who went swimming with his two boys. The current got too deep and swift and the two sons drowned. The father made it back to shore crying, "My boys are lost. I went out too far with my boys." A boy 17 years old being sentenced for murder said: "Am I alone responsible for my crime? My father put the first bottle of liquor in my hands and my mother taught me to dance and keep bad company. It was my parents who taught me that there was nothing in religion." Yes, drinking, gambling, worldly parent, teacher, some day your harvest will be ripe. Some day you will awaken to the awful reward of the wages of sin. Jesus said that it was better that you were never born, or that a millstone be tied about your neck and you be drown in the depth of the sea, rather than you should offend one of these little ones. How many little innocent lives are being influenced toward hell by godless, careless hypocrites in the church only God knows, but I'd rather stand before God as a thief or robber or pagan murderer, than a stumbling block on the church roll, instrumental in keeping children from coming to the knowledge of Christ by my double living.

## II. GAMBLING IS WICKED ECONOMIC WASTE.

Gambling is a wicked economic waste, unpardonable even in peace time. The mayor of New York estimates that gamblers fleece that state of \$450,000,000.00 a year. Time Magazine reports that horse racing alone records \$1,126,308,624.00 taken in at the pari-mutual gates. The Readers' Digest reports that about 20,000,000 gamblers driving five to ten miles to the race tracks, wasted 400,000,000 precious miles of rubber, oil, gas, and car wear. This is 16,000 times around the world. Also we read that 400 express cars were used to haul race horses about. Then there is the waste of paper for all those tickets. While many thousands of patriotic businesses wait for a telephone, gambling joints are equipped to take in as many as 75 bets by telephone at a time. Yes, gambling is a tragic waste of man-power, services and materials in war time.

Gamblers used to boast of employing 260,000 people and since gambling was skyrocketed later, they employ many more thousands now who ought to be in the war efforts, in factory, farm, or transportation duties. Authorities estimate that gamblers take in about \$7,000,000,000.00 a year, money that ought to be going for war bonds, or new homes, or that college education, or food and clothes

and medicine for those children, or for taking the gospel of living water, to lost souls languishing in heathen darkness.

## III. GAMBLING CORRUPTS LAW-ENFORCEMENT AND CLEAN GOVERNMENT.

Crooks in the penitentiary and crooks still in governmental positions could tell amazing stories of bribes, pay-off, protections, and "hot" money lavishly spent to seal the lips and tie the hands of men who sold their souls for a little filthy lucre. If the government can set the clock ahead one hour and ration everything but liquor and cigarettes and night life, it could stop gambling. 32 States legalize gambling. New York State alone expects to take in \$30,000,000.00 taxes from legalized gambling.

If a State legalizes gambling and the liquor traffic, does it not also legalize prostitution? Is there any chance that a government that is allied in a partnership with the liquor traffic and the gambling czars, is going to have clean hands and a good conscience in the matter of law enforcement and good government? For every dollar the pagan state gets in gambling tax, it will pay out many times in relief, old age pension, penal institutions, court costs, and the annual crime bill. Actually the State says to organized crime, "if you give me a little of the loot, the exploitation, the bleeding of the public, I will sanction it and will not prosecute it." Is it any wonder bad weather, Nazi breakthrough, delay of victory, plagues the army?

We are told that absenteeism of war plants is largest in cities near race tracks, or where gambling is wide open. One of the blackest sins of World War II in America is the striking for more money by men getting the highest wages in history, or staying away from work to gamble with a lot of easy money, drinking, passing vital information to listening agents, while precious American boys are out in the heat of the desert or jungle, out in the biting cold of winter and the upper air, or writhing in anguish on the battle field, seeking to hold back the enemy, often without adequate equipment, thanks to the parasite back home, interested only in high wages and a long war and legislation that will enslave everyone but the communist and the new masses and pressure groups.

Reporters tell that night clubs are packed every night with war plant workers and men in the services. It is mockery to sing "God Bless America" and spend night after night in the dens of vice, iniquity, dirty talk, filthy pictures, fallen women, and conditions that would make Rome blush.

## IV. MOST GAMBLING IS DONE WITH CARDS.

The Saturday Evening Post, Nov. 25, 1944, reports that there are rules for 142 different games of cards, that cards are in 87 per cent of American homes, that 50 per cent of them play cards, and that in one year 75,000,000 decks of playing cards were sold. Many people do not see the danger of that innocent game of cards. If you are one of those, listen to this. Some men estimate that cards are 95 per cent luck. To win consistently as the professional does, one must resort to deception, fraud, and dishonesty.

Surveys in penitentiaries reveal that most gamblers learned to gamble in their homes while playing cards. Recently every man in a company of soldiers revealed he learned to play cards at home. A professional gambler, converted after losing 14 fortunes says that nine tenths of all gambling is done with cards and nine out of ten gamblers learned to gamble with cards in their own home. First, boys learn to play penny ante, then they enter the prison. First the women learn to play that innocent game of cards for a silly prize and the first thing they

know, they are playing the ponies, the bookies, the bingo, the hounds and the sport events and the church lotteries with all the time and all the money they can get by hook or crook. Just notice in the society columns, the long list of bridge games each afternoon. Those women are either neglecting their homes, their children, their husbands, the war effort, or their own mental and spiritual lives.

## V. GREAT MEN AGAINST GAMBLING.

Hear the testimony of the good and the benevolent about gambling:

"The darkest hour in a man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without working for it."—Horace Greeley.

"Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief."—Washington.

"Gambling corrupts our dispositions and teaches us the habit of hostility against all mankind."—Jefferson.

"Gambling strikes at the very foundations of the laws of God. . . it is easier to reform the confirmed drunkard, than the gambler. When once a man has accustomed himself to securing money by chance, he cannot become interested in any work, in which he must give an equivalent of service or money."—W. J. Bryan.

"Before the war, 250,000 people lived in England off the losses of gamblers and one out of 20 performed inferior work due to the sorrow of the loss in gambings."

Chauncy Depew says, "Ninety per cent of all defalcations, thefts, and ruin of people employed in places of trust are due to direct gambling."

"Gamblers learn too late. If they had sold peanuts the time they were gambling, they would be better off in the end."—Converted Gambler.

"When he wins, he stops work and starts to drink. And when he loses he is so disagreeable in the home that there is no living with

him. The children are afraid to come to their meals. And win or lose there is never a penny for clothes, shoes or a bit of holiday."—Wife of the gambler.

God had Moses write, "Thou shalt not covet." Gamblers covet the wages of another.

God had Solomon write: "He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. (Pr. 28:20). Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished. (Pr. 13:11). He that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. (Pr. 28:19).

Jeremiah 17:11, "He that getteth riches and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days and at his end shall be a fool."

Jesus said more about the abuse and misuse of money than about both heaven and hell. He taught us to give to the poor; To give to the cause of true religion; to store up our treasures in heaven; to invest our wealth in the kingdom of God, to guard against mammon as a god. Yes, he reminded us in the parables of the talents and pounds of the days of financial accountability.

Paul told the Ephesians, "Let him that stole steal no more, but rather working with his own hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." What does the gambler care about "him that needeth"?

The Gallup poll says that 50 per cent of the people gamble and that 29 per cent prefer church lotteries. Shame on the preachers, churches and church members who use the name of Christ and even the house of God, in cases, to gamble with. Christians whose garments are spotted by the world, whose Sunday clothes smell like the night club and the smoking lounge, soon lose their moral and spiritual power. Their testimony for Jesus is hollow. The world will not take anything from a hypocrite. It thumbs its nose at the inconsistent worldling. Dr. Torrey tells of the girl who thought she

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# THE PRESIDENT PAYS OFF

Why Christian Patriots Should Care About the Seizure of Montgomery Ward's Plant by President Roosevelt

By the Editor

President Roosevelt had soldiers take over the Montgomery Ward business in Chicago and many other cities in America. It is not our custom to criticize the government, and we go on record because we think American liberties are at stake and that a matter of corrupt influence over the president of the United States is at work which should cause each Christian citizen deepest concern.

As we see it President Roosevelt was elected by a combination of forces; and the deciding votes were furnished by evil forces with a tendency to corrupt the government. I believe all informed political analysts will agree that President Roosevelt could not have been elected for the fourth term without the support of corrupt city bosses and their political machines, specifically the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago; the Hague machine in New Jersey; Tammany Hall Machine in New York, led by boss Flynn, (to whom the president offered ambassadorship to Australia, only to be rejected by the Senate); and the old Pendergast machine in Kansas City, which machine certainly sent Vice-President-elect Truman to the Senate, and, though Pendergast was sent to the penitentiary, still has great voting strength. And no informed and reliable leader among the president's friends will deny, we believe, that President Roosevelt has kept these corrupt machines politically alive by federal patronage, after they have been disowned in their own states, by moral forces leading a majority of the votes. They got no jobs and pay to keep them alive from their states, but were kept alive, intentionally, by jobs given by Roosevelt.

It is equally true Roosevelt could not have been elected for the fourth term without the massed votes controlled by the P. A. C.—the Political Action Committee of the C. I. O. I think no informed political analyst will deny this. Great blocs of labor votes, controlled by a vigorous and powerful and rich group of radical labor bosses and corrupt city political machine bosses elected President Roosevelt.

It is important to note that President Roosevelt did not get his fourth term by the votes of the Democratic Party. He did not get his fourth term by the vote of independent voters who weighed the evidence and voted according to their own private convictions. He was elected by blocs of voters who voted as they were specially organized to vote, on information supplied by pressure groups. These voters were usually inflamed in mind by specious and unprincipled propaganda, arraying one class against another. They were encouraged to vote purely for selfish motives to get certain privileges for labor groups by electing Roosevelt. Often the voters were coerced. Any man's future on the job

might be imperilled by opposing labor leaders. Roosevelt's majority was piled up largely through the use of big slush funds, controlled by labor leaders, not controlled by labor union membership. Companies are made to pay union dues into the union treasury for the workers, which the workers themselves would not pay. Union leaders spend that money, millions of dollars, to influence newspapers, to carry voters to the poles who would vote their way, to pay canvassers, to print tons of literature.

The important thing is that Mr. Roosevelt was elected, not by individual voters voting as individuals, but by large controlled blocs of voters.

And now, in the attack upon private business, in the seizure of Montgomery Ward plants in many cities, President Roosevelt is paying off election debts. He is rewarding labor racketeers, left-wing politicians, radicals, and Reds.

## What the President's Seizure of Montgomery Ward Means

When I show how the seizure of Montgomery Ward affects four groups in American life, and to the war effort, I think you will see why it is a matter for earnest consideration on moral and spiritual grounds, and why Christian people in America should take an active stand on this matter at once.

1. *The meaning of the seizure to radical labor leaders.* The Government's seizure of Montgomery Ward's business was partly for the purpose of forcing maintenance of membership in the union. That is, President Roosevelt insisted that Montgomery Ward fire all employees who would not join the union, fire any employee who later decided to leave the union, and refuse to hire any one in the future who would not pay union dues and submit to union bosses. To radical, Communist-controlled labor leaders, this means that they can still control great blocs of votes. When you can control a man's job, you can control his vote. When every employee of Ward's is compelled to pay union dues into treasuries controlled by union bosses, then union bosses have plenty of money to spend for whatever purposes they desire. The result is a wickedly unAmerican political power, put into the hands of union bosses.

2. *The meaning of Ward's seizure to President Roosevelt and the New Deal.* Union leaders carefully organized, spending millions of dollars, had the deciding influence and controlled the deciding votes which gave President Roosevelt a fourth term. If the President gets by with his seizure of Montgomery Ward stores, naturally these labor unions will have more power to elect him for a fifth term. They will control more votes, and such labor leaders are bound to feel under obligation to President Roosevelt and bound to feel that they will prosper under his administration because he will keep American workers subject to the control of labor bosses. One can see at a glance that it was largely a political purpose President Roosevelt had. He guarantees votes for his policies and for another term by such an action as the seizure of Montgomery Wards.

3. *What the seizure of Wards means to American laboring men.* It means that the pressure of the United States Government is being brought to bear to take away the liberty of laboring men. Men who do not want to pay their

money into a labor union treasury, to be used in a way they cannot control, will be forced by the government to do so, if they do not want to give up their jobs. The government does not require even a report to the union on expenditure of union money, does not require report to the government of the labor union money spent for political purposes, as it requires of other organizations. The government is clearly taking sides between the common laboring man and the crooked labor boss, and is deciding in these cases for the labor boss. And President Roosevelt is willing to use the United States Army to build his political fences in this case at the expense of the common working people.

In the Chicago Montgomery Ward store on December 15, 1944, ninety per cent of the employees through a signed petition declared against the maintenance of membership requirement. Spokesman for the unionized employees of the four seized stores at Detroit have openly stated that they do not desire maintenance of membership. But the President desires maintenance of membership. The New Deal can get more votes by making people join the union and be under the influence of labor bosses. The action of the administration in seizing the Montgomery Ward stores takes away the rights of common working people. I believe that people ought to have a right to join the union, or not to join. I believe that people ought to be allowed to pay union dues if they want to, but not compelled to pay them. Montgomery Ward has openly and repeatedly declared it is not against unions. The employees are members of a union. Montgomery Ward, like other American institutions, is against coercing common workmen to join a union against their will and taking their money by coercion to use for political purposes that they do not endorse.

4. *What the Montgomery Ward seizure means to the American people.* What does this high-handed seizure by armed forces of an American business not in war production mean to me and to you, to businessmen, farmers, home owners in America? It means that the President may, on his own whim any time he desires to do so, seize my property or yours, contrary to the Constitutional safeguards, contrary to American law, and do it for political purposes. Montgomery Ward stores were not in war production. The Sword of the Lord Publishers are not in war production. If the President can seize one he can seize the other. The Constitution makes it the supreme law of the land that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." The courts of the land have held that the War Labor Board directives are legally unenforceable, that these advices from a bureau are not the law of the land and cannot be enforced by law. So for the President to seize The Sword of the Lord Publishers or your grocery store, or your farm, when the military safety of the United States does not require it would be contrary to law. But it would not be any more contrary to law than his seizure of Montgomery Wards. As Mr. Sewell Avery, the chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward recently said in a telegram to the President, "Wards has been singled out for unequal treat-

ment. The army has been used to enforce orders of questions legality without first giving the courts an opportunity to make a decision. These are the methods of dictatorship." We do not want a Hitler or a Stalin in the White House. We do not want anybody using the army to gain political control, to put common labor under the control of the labor bosses who favor Roosevelt. We do not want a military dictatorship in America. The liberties of American people are desperately in danger by this illegal, high-handed, military seizure of peacetime business which has no direct relation to the war effort.

5. *How does the Ward seizure affect the war effort?* For one thing, it occupies a great group of army officers and soldiers here building the President's political fences when they ought to be helping to win the war. When the cry on every hand is that more manpower must be drafted from the farms and from other businesses and compelled to work in war factories if not drafted for the army, here the President deliberately wastes some specially trained soldiers, from a general in rank on down to privates in the sorry business of taking away the rights of American people, coercing laboring people to join unions, paying a political debt to labor union leaders, and trying to make sure of his own election for a fifth term! Besides the waste in manpower which is inexcusable, the President is helping to arouse class hatred, to array labor against management, and to divide the American people, while he takes away their liberties. All this is bound to have a bad effect on the loyalty of millions of people who do not feel that the President puts the war effort first as he ought to. Morale suffers when leaders in a time of national crisis prove themselves self-seeking, prejudiced, and

showing favoritism to one group as against another group.

What can we do? First, all of us ought to pray. Second, you should get in touch with your Congressman and Senator, urging that the ill-used war powers of the President be controlled by Congress. Third, it would be very helpful if you would write or wire the president, using respectful language, but protesting against the illegal and unAmerican seizure of a private business, for the purpose of political gain in wartime.

Since this article was started the President has fired Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce, and appointed the radical former Vice-president Henry Wallace, who was rejected by the American people and could not be elected Vice-president for another term. And though Wallace had no financial training or background and though the President plainly admits that Jesse Jones has done a remarkable financial work, he is willing to put an untrained man without financial experience in charge of the distribution of billions of dollars of money in America and in foreign countries. And why is this known radical, this man with Communist sympathies, appointed to this most influential and important place in the Cabinet? The President frankly says that it is a reward for political help in the campaign. Jesse Jones was not a political help to him; Henry Wallace was a political help. Hence, Jones is fired and Wallace appointed. It seems nearly certain that Congress will not approve such an outrageous appointment, simply paying a political debt at the expense of the American welfare. Remember that a good Christian is also a good citizen. Carelessness and irresponsibility on the part of the voter is wicked just as selfishness and irresponsibility is wicked in a governmental office holder.

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### Where Is the Difference?

A friend of mine was one day preaching a sermon to a great congregation, when a well-known woman turned to her husband, one of the most distinguished men in the community, and said, as the minister pleaded with them to lift their hands and accept Jesus Christ,

"My dear, could you not lift your hand now? And he made no response."

She whispered to him again, "Would it not be a good thing to lift your hand now?" Still no response. As they walked out of the church, she said to him, with a note of pathos in her voice,

"I had hoped that this would be the night of your decision." But he never answered. When they came into their home and were seated together, he said, "My dear, you asked me to lift my hand, and I made no response. I do not mean to be rude to you, but you are a Christian, and I am not. I do not want to be unkind, but tell me wherein our lives differ. You play cards, and I also play cards. You go to the dance, and I go to the dance. You visit the theatre, and I also visit the theatre. For the life of me I can see no difference in our living. Now, you will not misunderstand me, and God knows I would not be cruel to you, but where is the difference in our living?"

"Revival Sermons" by J. Wilbur Chapman, published by Revell.

**A Drinking Lawyer Converted**  
Some years ago in St. Louis, a Christian man was transacting some business with a lawyer. As

he turned to go, he hesitated and then said:

"I have often wanted to ask you a question, but I have been a coward."

"Why?" replied the lawyer. "I did not know you were afraid of anything. What is the question?"

"Why are you not a Christian?"

The lawyer replied, "Is there not something in the Bible that says, 'no drunkard shall have any part in the Kingdom of God?' You know my weakness."

"That is not my question," answered the Christian man. "I am asking you, 'Why are you not a Christian?'"

"Well," said the lawyer, "I cannot recall if anyone ever asked me if I were a Christian, and I am sure nobody ever told me how to become one." Then the Christian man drew his chair close to the lawyer, and read him some passages from the Bible, and said simply, "Let us get down and pray." The lawyer prayed first, "Oh, Jesus, Thou knowest what a slave I am to drink. Here this morning Thy servant has showed me the way to God, Who will break the power of this habit in my life." In giving his testimony later this drinking lawyer said: "Put it down big, put it down plain that God broke that power instantly." Who was this drunken lawyer? Dr. C. I. Scofield, the editor of the Scofield Reference Bible. Here was a man converted and transformed in an instant of time by the recreating, regenerating power of the living God.

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## ANGLO-SAXON PEOPLE NOT ISRAEL

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sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria." Then verse 11 says, "Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem."

In the same chapter, II Chronicles 30:25 tells us, "And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced."

From the above, it is clear that from all the other tribes of Israel many gathered to Jerusalem and were with Judah when Judah was carried into captivity.

In II Chronicles 35:3 the Scripture says, "And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the Lord. Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the Lord your God, and his people Israel."

In the same chapter, verses 17 and 18 say: "And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem."

There can be no doubt but that God was gathering together a remnant of all the tribes at Jerusalem, and that they represent the whole nation Israel. Then when Judah was carried into captivity, it was really a group representing all the twelve tribes, and not only Benjamin, Judah and the Levites.

### II. The Jews Who Came Back From The Captivity Represented The Entire Nation Israel

It is easy to prove that the Jews who returned from the captivity in Babylon represented all the twelve tribes and were officially counted "Israel" in God's sight. Notice the following interesting facts:

1. Cyrus, king of Persia, in his official proclamation allowing the return to Jerusalem, included all Israel. In II Chronicles 36:23, that proclamation is quoted thus: "Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of Heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up." The proclamation is to "all his people"—that is literally, all of God's people in all of Israel.

The same proclamation is quoted in Ezra 1:3: "Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem..."

Remember that Cyrus was king over the then known world, and all the twelve tribes were under his jurisdiction. In fact, those carried into captivity from the northern kingdom and those from the southern kingdom were in the

same general region of Babylon, and the proclamation was as much to those of the other tribes as to the tribe of Judah.

Those who responded for the proclamation are mentioned in Ezra 1:5. "Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, WITH ALL THEM WHOSE SPIRIT GOD HAD RAISED, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem." Not only those of Judah and Benjamin, the priests and Levites, but all those of other tribes whose spirit God had raised to go to Jerusalem, went back with the return. There is no doubt that more of the tribe of Judah went back than of other tribes, but it was not the whole tribe of Judah, but just a remnant, as it was only a remnant of the other tribes which went back. Most of the whole nation Israel remained in the far country, but a remnant of all the tribes went back to Judah, and these were the Jews of the time of Christ, from whom the Jews of today are descended.

2. The remnant carried back to Judah were several times called, "all Israel."

For example, in Ezra 2:70 we are told, "So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities." When God says "and all Israel in their cities", it is evident that God regards this remnant which has gone back from the captivity, as all Israel.

Again, a second expedition of Israelites from the captivity returned to Jerusalem under Ezra. That is described in Ezra 7:7 as follows: "And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king." The Bible, carefully dictated by the Holy Spirit of God, here plainly says that those who went back represented, not Judah, but the nation Israel.

Concerning Ezra's request that he be allowed to go and take an expedition to Jerusalem, Artaxerxes, then the emperor, made a decree similar to that made before Cyrus. He said, as recorded in Ezra 7:13, "I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee."

It is certainly clear that Artaxerxes, and Ezra, like King Cyrus, all intended that the group which went back to Jerusalem should represent the whole nation Israel "all they of the people of Israel", in the words of the king's decree. It is equally certain that those of all Israel really returned.

In Ezra 7:28, in the last half of the verse, Ezra says, "And I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me." He gathered men, not just out of Judah, but out of all Israel.

3. Twelve priests were selected to represent the twelve tribes, in carrying the treasure back to Jerusalem.

In Ezra 8:24 and 25, this interesting story is given: "Then I separated twelve of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of

their brethren with them, and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered." The priests were of the tribe of Levi, of course, but twelve were selected, because they were to represent all of the twelve tribes and to carry the treasure presented by "all Israel there present."

4. When they got to Jerusalem they offered sacrifices representing all Israel. In Ezra 8:35 we are told, "Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin-offering; all this was a burnt-offering unto the Lord."

Notice the "twelve bullocks for all Israel." It is clear that this immigration back to Judah is an official immigration of all Israel, and that this is the official Israel in God's sight.

5. Repeatedly through the book of Nehemiah the remnant returned to Jerusalem is called "Israel" and "all Israel."

Nehemiah 2:10 says, "When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel."

Nehemiah 7:7 says, "... The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this..." It is clear he speaks not only of Judah, but of all Israel.

Nehemiah 7:73 says, "So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; AND WHEN THE SEVENTH MONTH CAME, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE IN THEIR CITIES." Remember, this is speaking of the remnant gone back to Palestine from the captivity, and they are "the children of Israel."

Nehemiah 9:2 says, "And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers."

Nehemiah 11:20 says, "And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance." Notice that though they are in the cities of Judah, the remnant is "the residue of Israel." This is the group which God officially recognizes as the whole nation Israel, and it is composed of people of every tribe.

Nehemiah 12:47 says, "And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singer and the porters, every day his portion; and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron." Obviously, this remnant in Palestine after the captivity, is "all Israel." Some people of all the tribes remained in Babylon, but the official representatives of all the tribes, in God's counting, were now back in Palestine.

Thus the Jews of today, as the Jews in the time of Christ, represent all the twelve tribes. There

is no distinction, then, between Jews and Israel. They are the same people.

Now with this much in mind from the Old Testament, if you read the Gospels and the book of Acts, and the Epistles in the New Testament, you will see that the Jews in Palestine in the time of Christ are repeatedly called Israel, and are recognized as the whole house of Israel in God's sight. A simple example is Acts 2:36, where Peter is preaching at Jerusalem to the leaders of Israel. He says, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." This means that Jesus was officially crucified by the leaders of all Israel, combined with Herod and Pilate. It also means that Peter was then preaching to the official responsible leaders of all Israel. The Jews in the time of Christ were the whole nation Israel.

Another example is James 1:1. There the book of James is addressed to "the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting." And the content of the book of James shows clearly that it was addressed to Christians, not to heathen people. In fact it was addressed to Christian Jews, those who had been dispersed from Jerusalem by the great persecution in the time of Saul. The book of James was likely the first New Testament book written, certainly one of the first. And the Jews to whom it was written were addressed as the twelve tribes of Israel.

### III. Science and History Prove that England and America Could Not Possibly be Israel

1. There is absolutely no history of any migration from the ancient country of Babylon across Europe into England, as is claimed by the British-Israel teachers. For such an entire nation to migrate, keeping its blood pure, across an entire continent, would be so startling a phenomenon that it could not be. It simply did not happen. It cannot be traced by reputable historians.

2. The Anglo-Saxon people do not have any of the ethnological inheritance that would be in-

itable if they were descended from the so-called "lost ten tribes" of Israel.

Consider first that the Anglo-Saxon people have no trace of the Hebrew language, and never have had. The Hebrew language is written right to left. The Anglo-Saxon is written from left to right. They are written with different alphabets. It is only accidental that some names are similar, as is true of all languages. There is no language kinship between the English and the Hebrew. This is a scientific fact.

Consider next that the Anglo-Saxon people had no tradition whatever about circumcision. When you remember how tenaciously Jews have held to circumcision in every clime and country, amidst every kind of persecution, in these twenty centuries since Christ, it is inconceivable that another group of Israelites, staying together as a nation and having the same law, the same customs, the same teachings, should utterly forget the matter until there was not a tradition nor a trace of it. That simply would not happen.

Consider also that the Anglo- (Continued on page five)

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# The Brother of Pontius Pilate

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five brothers on earth. Pilate also has thousands. Some of them are in this audience. Tonight from the lost world I hear Pilate's wail concerning his lost brothers on earth. "Tell them to do nothing against that righteous man." His voice from Hell re-echoes the advice He would not take himself. I can hear him cry, "Warn them from the lest they also come into this place of torment." God helping me that is what I will do tonight. Young man, young woman, the world with its voices, its pressure upon you and its influence, tries to make it hard for you to accept Christ. God helping me, I will try to make it hard for you not to accept Him.

Here then is Pilate's portrait. As you see it ask yourself, "Am not I his brother? Am not I the one who is crucifying the righteous Son of God, thus making my name like Pilate's, an eternal execration by good men, by angels, and by God?"

## I. PILATE CONFESSED THAT CHRIST WAS RIGHTEOUS, YET REJECTED AND CRUCIFIED HIM

Pilate heard every railing accusation against Christ. He examined every witness, he interviewed Christ Himself, he perceived that Jesus was innocent. Not only so but he perceived in his soul that Christ was someone more than mere man. His frantic efforts to deliver Him suggests this.

And Pilate confessed the righteousness of Christ. "I find no fault in this man." He was fully persuaded in his own mind that Jesus was righteous, good and just. He said so, and said it openly. But Pilate nevertheless rejected Christ, gave his verdict against Him, and crucified Him.

Who is Pilate's brother tonight? The man in this church who despite all the infidel accusations made against the Son of God is yet convinced that Christ was righteous. You have heard the infidel deny His holy virgin birth, His atoning death, and His bodily resurrection. You have heard the rationalist impugn the veracity of Christ by declaring Him to be a child of His day, assenting the tradition that had no foundation in fact. You have heard the atheist try to sweep Him out of existence altogether by declaring Him to be a myth.

But you believe otherwise. You know better. You have seen evidence to the contrary. You are convinced that Christ lived, was virgin-born, died, and rose again exactly as the Bible declares. You have heard witnesses for and against Christ and you are convinced that He is the holy Son of God. You reject the infidel and rationalistic testimony of unbelievers and you acknowledge that He is the Saviour of the world.

But—and here you show your

kinship with Pilate—you reject the desire of this blessed Son of God to enter your heart, you deny Him His blood-bought right to rule your life, you refuse to take your stand for Christ before a world that rejects Him, and when you hear a Gospel appeal you say no instead of yes to the Saviour. You admit that Jesus is righteous and just and even God; yet you join hands with His murderers in saying, "Away with him," and you watch Him unmoved as He goes to the cross to be crucified for your sins. Is not this portrait of Pilate your portrait?

Who then is Pilate's brother? It is the man who knows enough of Jesus Christ to know that He was the sinless Son of God and the world's Saviour, yet who lacks the moral courage to stand for Him before an ungodly world, and by rejecting Christ, crucifies afresh the Son of God.

## II. PILATE WAS WARNED AND ENTREATED BY HIS WIFE

The wife of this pagan official was in touch with God. On the day of the trial God came to her in a dream. In that dream she saw Jesus Christ. She was given to see the doom of those who opposed Christ. Pilate's wife awoke, overwhelmed with anxiety. She hastily penned a letter of warning. This note of entreaty, of concern for her husband's danger, was delivered to Pilate as he sat on the judge's bench. It shook his soul; it awakened his conscience; it opened his eyes: it said, Do nothing against this just man for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him.

My friend unsaved, has not God given you loved ones whose hearts are concerned for your soul's salvation? That praying mother, now perhaps in Heaven; that Christian wife still spared to be with you, who prays for you, and in secret weeps for you before God that you might be saved—have they not warned you, and urged you, and entreated you? Yet you go on unheeding, saying by your refusal of Christ, "Away with him," and by your continuance in sin, crucifying afresh the righteous Son of God. Are you not Pilate's brother?

I would ring this cry of Pilate's wife in the soul of every Christian woman in this church tonight. Have you loved ones who are not on the side of the Son of God? Husband, father, brother, son, friend? O woman, in God's name use your influence, your voice, your winsomeness, your prayers and your tears to win these men for God. God have mercy on the prayerless wife. God forgive the unconcerned mothers and sisters. May God help you, my sister, to write a letter to someone far away from God. God help you to speak to them, to warn them and to urge them.

I had spoken thus to the women in a church one Sunday night and next morning a man, a Major in the Canadian Army, came into the church office and said, "Sir, I am a stranger to you but I have come twenty miles today to tell you I am a saved man, I am saved because of three reasons." He then pulled a card from his pocket and quoted first a verse from Acts which promised remission of sins. He next quoted a verse in Romans about God justifying the ungodly. Continuing, he said, "The third reason," and here his voice trembled, "is my wife. She came into this church from our country home last night to hear you preach. I don't know what you said in your sermon but that wom-

an came home to me and made such a plea for Jesus Christ as no man who loved a woman could resist." Within one year of his conversion that man had gone to be with his Lord.

Evangelist Will Hogg in a sermon on Pilate's Wife, says, "Here we have Pilate's wife—a woman who never saw a Sunday School, never had a Bible, never was rocked to sleep by a Christian lullaby. No Christian sermon ever fell upon her ears. This pagan woman lays her hand upon her husband's heart in an effort to save him from spiritual death. I would rather take my chance as Pilate's wife on the day of judgment than that of some women who have never said a word or raised a hand to save a husband from a Christless death. You see your family drifting with the rabble. You see the scourge of indifference fall upon the back of Christ and never say one word to help him in the tragic hour. Long ago the fair hand that wrote these words that day to Pilate crumbled back to dust, but she still points in scorn to the silent and indifferent worldly wives in this day of blazing gospel truth."

## III. PILATE TRIED IN VAIN TO GET CHRIST OFF HIS HANDS

Jesus of Nazareth was the most uncomfortable fact Pilate had ever encountered. He was in an agony of apprehension over his attitude toward Christ. He knew it would be a sin against justice, his conscience, his wife, his soul, and his God, to crucify Him. So he tried to evade the issue by getting Christ out of his hands.

He sent him first to Herod, Jesus was a Galilean, Herod was Tetrarch of Galilee. He will let Herod decide the fate of Christ. But his evasion was in vain. Herod was pleased. He accepted Pilate's act as an act of courtesy and to return the compliment he sent Jesus back to Pilate again!

Pilate then handed Christ over to the Jewish leaders. He told them to judge Jesus according to their law. But the Jews had determined that Christ would die and their law had no power to sentence a man to death. So to Pilate's consternation they came back, bringing Jesus with them, and once more Pilate faced the Son of God.

Finally he offered him to the people. He would let the crowd decide this issue. He will place by the side of Jesus a murderer. Then he will offer to liberate one of the two. Pilate never believed they would reject a righteous man who had healed their sick and blessed their little children and instead choose a murderer. But the multitude cried, "Away with this man and give us Barabbas," and Pilate was face to face with the inevitable, inescapable, unavoidable Christ.

My friend unsaved, if I know your heart, you do not want to run foul of Jesus Christ by rejecting Him. You do not want to be His enemy. You do not want to send Him to the cross. But on the other hand you are not willing to displease the world, and break with the world, and give up your sins. Listen! Jesus Christ is on your hands tonight and you cannot get rid of Him. If you do not receive Him, you reject Him. If you do not serve Him, you crucify Him. If you do not say yes to Him, you say no. It is one thing or the other. Which will it be?

"You must do something with Jesus,

You must do something tonight. Will you accept? Or will you reject?

You will do something, tonight."

## IV. PILATE REFUSED TO DELIVER A SOUL FROM DEATH

Think of the heartlessness of Pilate. He actually allowed an innocent man to be taken to execution. He knew the Jews had

lied. He knew that to deliver Jesus to them would be legalized murder. He knew he was the only one who could save this prisoner from death. Yet he let Him go to His death. He refused to speak the word that would acquit Jesus Christ.

There are many professing Christians who in this respect bear a striking resemblance to Pontius Pilate. They will not lift a hand or raise their voice to save a soul from death. All around them in their homes, and churches, and offices, and stores, and workshops are men and women under sentence of death. These are prisoners of sin, facing the gallows of eternal shame and regret. And God has given us good news for the devil's prisoners. He has purchased pardon for them. If some are urged and warned and prayed for they will be saved.

But some are trying to escape this eternal law of responsibility. They remain passive and silent while multitudes go on to death.

I was burdened the other day for the unsaved in the homes of this congregation. I was praying for them, for this one and that one. I had spoken to some. I was troubled that the days seemed so short I could not go to all who needed a personal word. But God said to me, "The days are long enough. I do not require you to do more than you can faithfully do. I have planned that others should witness personally also. I want you in my name to call on all my people to help you in reaching the lost in this congregation. If it must all be done by you, some will never be reached. Lay upon them also this responsibility. Tell them that, 'if the watchman see the sword come upon the land and blow not the trumpet and the people be not warned . . . their blood will I require at the watchman's hand!'" So I am telling you this my people, you who have loved ones and friends and neighbors unsaved. God wants to reach them. He is working very wonderfully in these days of revival here to touch them. This is a day of His power. The hour is come for your loved ones to be saved. Deliver them from death. Plead with your aged father to be saved as I have pleaded with mine. Plead with that brother and that sister. God will save them if we do our part. If you do not try to deliver them from death, what better are you than Pilate?

## V. PILATE'S ACT BROUGHT UPON HIM ETERNAL JUDGMENT

Pilate delivered Christ to death for two reasons. One was to please the Jews, the other was to hold his office as Governor. Popularity and worldly advantage was the price for which he crucified the Son of God. What happened? Tiberius in 36 A.D. recalled Pilate from Jerusalem, and in 42 A.D. he was dismissed by the Emperor Caligula and according to Eusebius, Pilate died in exile a suicide. Thus Pilate lost the very things he sought after and for which he crucified Christ,—his popularity and position.

That, my friends, is what happens to Pilate's brother all through the centuries. It is happening to Pilate's brother in this audience. Tell me you who are rejecting Christ because you want to have a good time with your sin,—are you having that good time? Are you happy and satisfied in the world and with yourself? You know you are not. You are missing the very thing you seek after, for you seek it in the wrong direction. Your experience is that of Pilate, your brother.

History bears me out when I say that those who crucify Christ will come to certain judgment.

Look at the Jews who crucified Christ. Jerusalem was destroyed

in that very generation and Josephus tells us that one million Jews died in the greatest siege in all history.

Look at Rome. She crucified Christ with official act and Gibbon the Historian tells us how

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## Sword Read by Great Jewish Evangelist

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## Anglo-Saxon People Are Not Israel

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Saxon people had no Sabbath until it was introduced by Christian missionaries. The Sabbath was given to the nation Israel as a particular sign between her and God, as you see in Exodus 31:16 and 17, and Ezekiel 20:12. But the Anglo-Saxon people did not have any Sabbath, as an evidence that they were the people Israel. They are not.

Actually, the British-Israel doctrine is a matter of sinful national pride, trying to assume an honor that does not belong to the English and American people. We are not Israel.

And finally, it seems silly to suppose that England would be Ephraim and American Manasseh, when we are of the same blood, insofar as we are both Anglo-Saxon people. There would be just as much reason to suppose that England was Manasseh and America Ephraim, as to suppose the contrary. However, since the doctrine started in England and Ephraim was a larger tribe, more often mentioned in the Scriptures, they chose to be Ephraim and chose that America might be Manasseh!

The idea is not only unscriptural, but utterly unscientific.

## IV. The British-Israel Theory Utterly Contradicts Divine Prophecies

The British-Israel theory speaks of a throne and kingdom, but it is the throne of the house of Hanover, not the throne of the house of David. It honors British kings instead of honoring the Lord Jesus.

The land which is honored in Bible prophecy as the place where Christ will return and reign, is clearly the land of Palestine. Again and again we are told that the children of Israel will return to "the mountains of Israel", and "to their own land", "the land of their fathers", etc.. That could not be England.

Again the Bible teaching is that the millennial reign will be set up by Christ in person at His return. Christ Himself will overthrow the nations and set up His kingdom. In contradiction, the British-Israel people teach that England and America must rule the world, that we are "God's battle axe." Thus the British-Israel teaching violates all true understanding of Bible prophecy. It is a doctrine of vain and prideful men who would take to themselves and to our nation honor that does not belong to us. The only way to believe it is by a perversion of Scripture and by ignoring facts of history and science.

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## Journeys With the Associate Editor

By Evangelist Robert J. Wells  
Great Youth Rally at Kalamazoo

It was my privilege to be the speaker at the second Youth for Christ meeting sponsored by the churches of the Kalamazoo, Michigan, area on Saturday evening, January 13th. The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple and, in spite of a bad snow storm there were upwards of nine hundred people present. After an inspiring program of music and testimonies, I brought a gospel message. There were eight who responded to a clear-cut invitation to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. One girl was the daughter of a local preacher and at the close of the service he came to me and thanked me, expressing his joy in the conversion of his daughter. The Youth for Christ work in Kalamazoo is under the direction of Brother Reinhold Barth, efficient and consecrated leader.

### Victorious Closing at East Chicago

Leaving Kalamazoo in the early morning hours we made our way to the Central Baptist Church of East Chicago, Indiana, for the closing of a two-week meeting there. The evening service was something to remember! God met with us in great power and gave us a glorious victory. When the invitation was given, a man came hurrying down the aisle followed by his wife. They were both weeping. He gripped my hand, and as I asked him to kneel, he literally fell to the floor. The fine, consecrated pastor of the church, Brother Hendon Harris, Jr., knelt beside him and carefully dealt with him, and then with his wife so that they would have a clear understanding of God's plan of salvation. In just a few moments this man stood to his feet and asked if he might say a word. He then began to invite other sinners to come and trust Christ without delay. He said that he had rejected Him for over forty-eight years and knew now how foolish he had been. In a moment, he walked to the last row of pews and began to talk to a friend and to urge him to get right with God. Another man and his wife were likewise saved, and also a fine young boy. On the previous Thursday night I had spoken to this man and told him of his need of the Saviour. He admitted that he was a sinner and needed to trust Jesus; he said that he knew he was bound for Hell, but wasn't much concerned. He had rejected the invitation and had gone home without letting Christ come into his heart. But after the meeting Sunday evening he came to me and said, "I don't know how to thank you for coming to me last Thursday and warning me to get right with God." He was now rejoicing since Christ was in his heart.

### Christ for Greater Cleveland Campaign

Immediately following the Sunday night service in East Chicago, I went to Chicago and boarded the train for Cleveland, Ohio, where I was to spend a few days in making preliminary preparations for the great union meeting with Dr. John R. Rice and J. Stratton Shufelt to be held in the large public auditorium from February 11th to March 11th, with over one hundred churches co-operating.

From the very first meeting with the brethren until the last great Prayer rally, I felt the moving of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people. I am convinced that God is about to do a mighty work there. I found the chairman of the Campaign Committee, Rev. George Bates, and the Secretary of the committee, Rev. Clifton Robinson, the

former a Baptist, the latter a Quaker, had done an excellent piece of work in organizing the co-operating elements into a great working force. The co-operation on the part of all groups has been all that could be expected, and there is a spirit of real expectation as they look forward to the meetings.

Monday morning I met with the ministers in the City Mission to bring a message and for a season of prayer. How the Lord did bless and how our hearts were warmed as God met with us in great power! Following this I was privileged to speak to the Christian Businessmen's Committee which is heartily co-operating in the campaign. Then in the evening I addressed the large committee and had the privilege of listening to the reports of the various chairmen of the committees who have been doing such wonderful work.

Tuesday morning I spoke to the Cleveland Bible College where about two hundred students and faculty members were gathered to hear me speak on, "Be Filled With the Spirit." This school was founded by Emma Malone who was saved in the last great union evangelistic campaign held in Cleveland and conducted by none other than D. L. Moody. Although this school is Arminian in doctrine and the evangelist is recognized as a Calvinist, there is the very warmest feeling and the heartiest spirit of co-operation, and why shouldn't it be thus? After all, the thing that really counts in a meeting of this kind is to get the gospel message to those who are lost. Tuesday evening I spoke to the Baptist Bible Institute, and there again, we were welcomed and made to feel perfectly at home by a very delightful group of Christian brethren on the faculty, as well as by the student body. How glad we are for these fine students who love the Lord and are studying the Word of God, and how happy we are to know that they will be bending every effort to use their knowledge and experience in winning souls for the Lord!

On Wednesday evening I was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Ross. Brother Ross is the pastor of the great Hough Avenue Baptist Church. After a blessed time of fellowship in the Ross home, I was privileged to speak at the prayer meeting in the church. The prayer room was filled, and God met with us in a wonderful way. I believe many hearts were touched, and I know that the meetings will have the very best support from those fine people.

Thursday night there was a mass meeting for prayer in the City Mission auditorium. I spoke on the subject, "Why Pray?" We had a blessed time. Following the message, the people were divided into different groups and assigned to several other rooms where they gathered for a time of prayer. Our days were filled with activity. There were radio broadcasts, luncheon engagements, conferences with committee chairmen and with the leaders of the work and many other details that had to be cared for, but it was a blessed experience and I praise God for the very clear evidence of His blessings upon the work. Pray much in the remaining days for a great outpouring of the Spirit of God in power upon His people in Greater Cleveland!

### Tri-State Youth for Christ

Saturday evening, January 20th I spoke to the Youth for Christ rally for the Tri-State area which met in the High School auditorium in Benton, Wisconsin.

There were more than six hundred people present. Although I was tired and suffering with a severe cold, God blessed the message to the salvation of many who responded to a plain invitation to accept Christ as Saviour. The director said there were twenty decisions.

### Dubuque Revival Campaign

Sunday I began a meeting with the Dubuque Bible Church, Rev. Glen Lehman, Pastor. God gave us a wonderful attendance at all services. According to the pastor, it was the largest the church has ever had for the first day of a revival. I have been speaking to Christians and there has been an excellent response. There are many evidences of the Lord's blessing. For instance, a man attended the service Sunday evening. It was the first time he had been in the church and he was so blessed that he returned the following afternoon with a request to see the pastor. He then inquired concerning the expenses of the meeting, requesting to know what they would be, and when he was told he gave the total amount to the pastor and said, "Here is another twenty to make sure they will all be cared for." God is still on the throne!

## Praise For Old Year Challenge For New

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find those once in darkness now carrying the light to their buddies by means of tracts and in Bible classes? Spare time is limited but every opportunity is taken to witness to others of our great Saviour.

With hearts overflowing with praise, we turn toward home. We are somewhat saddened, however, because some we had intended to see have met death at the hands of the enemy, since they were led to Christ this year through Sword literature, but we do rejoice, knowing that they have gone to be with the Lord, leaving a testimony of the saving grace of God.

Back at the home office we take inventory. Remember the millions we passed still in darkness? Only 453—could we not have reached more? It might have been the matter of time or money, and of course, it would have been inconvenient. But, we believe the reason more were not reached with the gospel in 1944 was that we, as Christians, were not enough concerned about the souls of these millions.

Read the challenging words of George Bennard:

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We thought it would be interesting to our readers to list by States, those who were saved in 1944 through Sword of the Lord literature.

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Illinois	16	South Carolina	7
Indiana	21	South Dakota	2
Iowa	10	Tennessee	6
Kansas	7	Texas	18
Kentucky	10	Utah	1
Louisiana	13	Virginia	7
Maryland	2	West Virginia	4
Massachusetts	6	Wisconsin	4
Michigan	12	Wyoming	2
Minnesota	11	Washington	6
Mississippi	7	Canada	5
Missouri	6	Port of Spain, Trinidad	1
Montana	2	Salop, England	1
Nebraska	8	c/o Postmaster, San Francisco	6
Nevada	1	c/o Postmaster, New York	11
New Jersey	3	Penitentiaries in Texas	130

## Brother of Pilate

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she sank into a grave of national oblivion.

Consider Pilate. He rejected and crucified Christ and forever will be execrated as mankind repeats the Apostle's Creed and declares that Jesus Christ, "Suffered under Pontius Pilate." Tonight as I preach on Pilate his body fills a suicide's grave and his soul is in a suicide's Hell.

My friend unsaved, hear me. You are Pilate's brother. I solemnly charge you with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I declare that your sins as well as mine nailed Him to that awful cross. Do you humbly acknowledge your guilt or do you begin washing your hands. You say you are not guilty of His crucifixion. You say he was slain by the Romans. You say it was the Jews who slew Him. You say you had nothing to do with it. Do you not know that, "Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures?" It was my sin and yours that pierced Him to death. If you will come out from the world that crucifies Christ today by its unbelief, and take your stand with Christ and his people, if you will turn your back on the sin that slew him, then you will be free from the blood of this man, and God will save you. But not until then. No water will ever cleanse from your hands or Pilate's the blood of the Son of God.

today?

Who will bring to Me the lost and dying?

Who will point them to the narrow way?"

Millions now in sin and shame are dying;

Listen to their sad and bitter cry;

Hasten, brother, hasten to the rescue;

Quickly answer, "Master, here am I."

Soon the time for reaping will be over;

Soon we'll gather for the harvest home;

May the Lord of harvest smile upon us,

May we hear His blessed, "Child, well done."

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## A CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT GAMBLING

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could do personal work on the dance floor. The male partner stopped and asked, "If you are a Christian, what in hell are you doing in this dance hall?"

### VI. WHAT GAMBLING INVOLVES.

In conclusion the Christian says that GAMBLING OF ANY KIND IS:

1. A waste of precious time.
2. A waste of a money trust from God.
3. Keeping bad company.
4. Robbing one of necessary rest at night in many cases.
5. Keeping gamblers from many duties of the day.
6. Often the cause of broken homes, marriages, friendships.
7. Often the road to crime. The Society for the Prevention of Crime reports that newspapers in one year reported 128 people stabbed or shot over card games. 6 suicides, 2 went insane, 68 ruined financially, 103 committed crimes to win back what they lost gambling.
8. Often the door to drinking and immorality and prison.
9. Often the cause of corruption of law, order, government.
10. Wastes man-power, paper, oil, gas, rubber, steel, transportation, services, in war.
11. Keeps parents, husbands and wives from home duties.
12. Lures children and young people away from home.
13. Hardens people against the gospel.
14. Robs charities, missions, churches, benevolent causes of rightful support.
15. Grows on people like the liquor and drug habits, requiring more and more to produce the same sensation.
16. Steals food, clothes, medicine, education for children.
17. Sends loving, faithful wives and mothers out of the home to work.
18. Cultivates the lowest in man, loss, passion, anger, foul tongue, deceit, lying, laziness.
19. Squelches development of initiative, industry, thrift, planning, hard work.
20. Militates against God and life of trust in and submission to God.

There is nothing of service, self-denial, doing for others, seeking the will of God, or self-improvement in the gambler's blood.

People who gamble for money are soon apt to gamble with health, their job, their morals and their very souls. Gamblers can become so hard and calloused that they can sit down in a holy prayer meeting, at the feet of the Saviour of the world, in the midst of the holiest of suffering, in the midst of crises and writhing agonies of crucifixions, and toss dice on the inner garments of the one once robed in celestial glories, now hanging naked, dying for the ungodly that He might offer robes of righteousness, that He might cloth the unlovely with His beauty and loveliness.

While the G.I. eats K rations and sleeps on ice and snow and wet ground, and fights for freedom and the best way of life, millions of Americans spend their nights drinking, gambling, spreading venereal disease, and inviting the judgment of God upon what was once the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Because a man is greedy, or weak, or greedy of easy gain, no one has a right to exploit and commercialize the daring, the element of risk, the love of adventure, the sinful bent in human nature. What is more sinful, rob a man who is

absent from his home, or rob a man at the card games who is absent from his mind and better judgment, thanks to the work of the liquor traffic. What the liquor traffic and the harlot and the professional gambler leave with the prodigal, is not worth taking home. American people spend more for gambling than for all works of church and religion. Some mighty voice raised up from God needs to tell the nation what Peter told the sorcerer, "Thy money perish with thee." And what James told the Jews: "Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and your silver is cankered and the rust of them shall be a witness against you. 5:2. Many people confess that major gambling is a sin, but say there is nothing wrong about bingo, the parlor game of cards. A lady in Evansville, Indiana wrote to the local paper sobbing that she could not have any fun, now that the mayor placed a ban on all gambling. She said: "It's a very unhappy Christmas for a lot of people this year with no bingo to go to." Also, "The Mayor has sure hurt a lot of people by taking bingos away." This shrivelled soul never stopped to ask how many people were hurt due to cards, bingo, and gamblers. She never stopped to ask how many people got killed in the war, or starved, because gamblers in America were playing cards instead of helping the war effort. She never stopped to ask how many homes were broken, marriages smashed, little children neglected due to wives and mothers, as well as night-hawk fathers playing cards most of the night.

It is a very unhappy Christmas without bingo? Think of the whole roof over your head, the dry clean bed, the wholesome abundant food, the high wages many people are earning. You probably have a daily newspaper, telephone, gas, electricity, a comfortable home, an automobile, good roads, daily service at the door, coal. You probably had a better Christmas than most of the kings, queens, dukes and royalty of Europe had. You probably had a nice Sunday dinner, many presents and greeting cards, a bonus from your employer. You had a better Christmas than 1,500,000,000 other people of the world had or ever will have.

Yet you cannot be happy at Christmas. You do not need bingo, you need God. You need someone to wake you up. You need a sense of gratitude. You need to see the poverty, dirt, disease, torment, millions of prisoners, slaves, refugees have. You need to exchange Mammom for Jesus. You need to see your selfishness, greed and materialism. Be a good Samaritan. Get out and give somebody a lift. Join the Red Cross. Help at the Canteen. Visit the sick in the hospital. Take some fruit and flowers to the orphans, the shut-ins, the old people's home. Be a real person. Spend an hour with the Bible. Confess your sins on your delicate knees. Begin to live. Live for others. Get out of your narrow rut. Let service, not pleasure be your aim and goal. And then you can forget bingo and can soar into God's sky happy as a lark.

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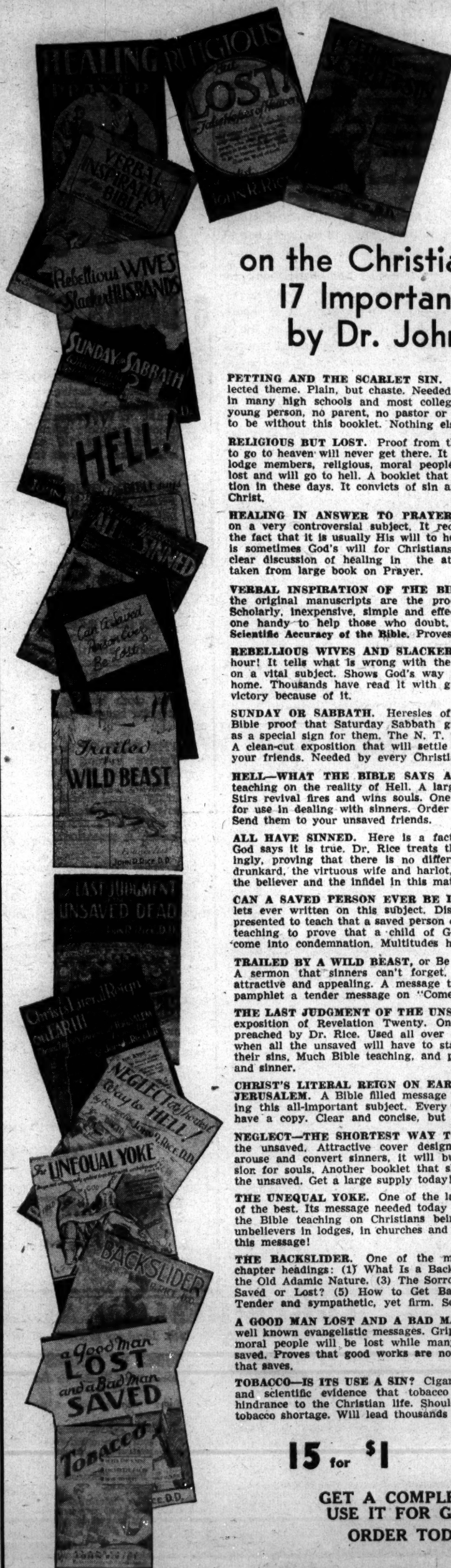
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By Viola Walden, Business Manager

Every effort possible is being made by us to reach the lost with the gospel by means of booklets and tracts, especially among men in the armed forces. Twenty people wrote in December to tell us they had trusted Christ for salvation after having read some of Dr. Rice's booklets, or after reading some gospel sermon in *The Sword of the Lord*. Eleven of these twenty were service men.

A few of the new converts' letters are given below. We know you will not forget to pray that God will strengthen them and make plain His will in their lives.

### A Hospital Patient Writes— "Dear Rey, Rice:

"Right now I am lying in a hospital with high hopes of a speedy recovery.

"I have had time to think of my dark past while lying here, and I wish to confess my guilt of sins and from now on Christ shall be my Saviour. I shall try to live a good Christian life to the best of my ability."

(Signed) Mrs. C. H.

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"... I can personally testify that it was one of your booklets that first awakened me. Having been baptized as a child and having been taught in a modern Sunday School, I was spiritually asleep. However, through your tracts and the chaplain, I now thank the Lord that I am saved."

(Signed) Cpl. Donald M. Seeley.

### "I Put It in the Lord's Hands"

The following letter was written December 26. This young lady read the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved*, wrote to tell of the joy she had found in trusting Christ. Part of her letter reads:

"... I have been troubled and worried and sick and no matter how I tried to manage my affairs, it seemed the wrong thing to do. It seemed for awhile, no matter what I did someone would be hurt by the move, until I put it in the Lord's hands, and trusted Christ to show me the way. He has handled things to the advantage of all. We are all happy, and healthy. When I find myself displeased over some little everyday matter, I tell myself that Christ did this for me and although I can't see it, I know He did it for the best. This is always true. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour."

(Signed) Miss A. M. Hudson  
Houston, Texas.

### A Wise Decision by a Doctor

A doctor in Evansville, Indiana, read the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved*, was convicted and trusted the Lord for salvation. He signed his name to the solemn decision in the book, and added this p.s., "Almost 72 years old!"

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### "I've Had This Little Book for Two Years"

Mrs. N. N. of Charlestown, Indiana, wrote to us December 15. She said:

"I've had this little book for two years. I have read and re-read it and I know it by heart. I hope it isn't too late for me to tell you how thankful I am for that little book for it has taught me so much understanding. No one could read it without knowing the truth and I want you to know that I thank the Lord for a brother who sends out such good messages for people to read and I just pray that I can always live up to this little book. If you have some copies and will send them to me, I will be so thankful to give them in the best way I know how and I will be doing something for the Lord..."

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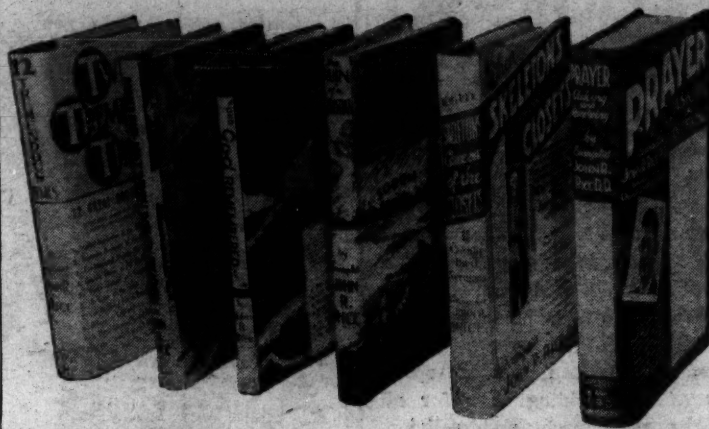
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2. A new building is being remodeled. The wrapping and mailing Department and the *Sword of the Lord* offices are already occupying it. The General, Stenographic, Bookkeeping, and Book Publishing Departments will move in in a few weeks. Please help us pay for the \$3,000 of extra expense for remodeling. Some gifts from God's people for this extra expense in a business that is wholly non-profit could be used to God's glory well just now.

3. The Soul Winners club is increasing rapidly. Do you want to join to get Soul Winning literature, agree to spend a half hour daily in prayer, to read the Bible daily, and to regularly and earnestly try to win souls, live a separated life? Then write us or read announcements in last week's paper.

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